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THE JOURNAL would be greatly indebted to its correspondents if they will mail their news letters so as to reach this office before Wednesday morning. A great many items have to go unpublished or be carried over until the following week and be stale reading because they do not reach this office in time.

No notice will be taken of anonymous communications. Whatever is intended for publication must be signed with the writer's name.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1905.

PROSPERITY.

We congratulate the merchants of our town upon the splendid Christmas trade which their patrons so generously bestowed upon them. It is a tribute to their good judgment and enterprise as business men that for weeks prior to Christmas Day, our streets were lined with vehicles and ladies and gentlemen, and our stores were filled to overflowing with an eager throng of purchasers each endeavoring to get the choicest selections.

This enormous Christmas trade speaks well for the industry and energy of our people and is indicative of their thrift and prosperity. In the centre of the county and of good inhabitants our trade is already the Mecca of shoppers and is steadily growing, and in progressiveness will compare with any town in this section of Tidewater Virginia.

The Democratic leader in the House, almost before he was designated as such, declared his purpose not to appoint a Virginian on the Ways and Means Committee in place of Mr. Swanson, who is soon to retire from Congress. This action of Mr. Williams is said to be based upon the fact that he is not friendly to some of the Virginia members, and this seems to be his method of punishing them. Such conduct is not becoming in the leader of a great party, for while he is punishing some fellow member, he is doing the State of Virginia great injustice, which he has no right to do.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Charles Houldey Hupgins.

Margaret Porter was born in Wilmington, Del., Feb. 8, 1839. She came to Mathews when a young girl to teach in the school of Mr. William H. Brown. She was of both person and soon won the esteem of all with whom she was associated.

Her marriage to Mr. Charles Houldey Hupgins of Mathews Co. was a social event in Maryland, Delaware and Virginia.

She was stricken with pneumonia at her home in New York city on Nov. 30, and just two weeks later, at 5 P. M., Thursday, Dec. 14, she entered into her eternal rest.

For many years after her marriage she taught a select school for young ladies in Mathews. Always a lover of the beautiful in nature and literature—a born teacher and leader—she needs no nobler epitaph than that written upon the hearts and lives of those girls.

Many sorrowing friends in Mathews mingle their tears with those of her bereaved family.

She was a Christian. I knew her well and write this sentence concerning her without limitation and without the shadow of a doubt.

She was for many years a member of Westville Christian Church, then of Harlem Avenue, Baltimore, Md. Rev. B. A. Abbott, pastor of the latter church, conducted her funeral services. He spoke of her as a "living saint," and the members of his

church, of the word which had been left when she moved to New York.

She was for eight years President of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions of his church. Under her leadership it became the largest in that denomination in the United States. Though in New York but a few years, she had been made Vice-President of that board in her church.

She was not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the Word. Genuine in all things. Her finished life stands strongly marked by Godly sincerity. She was true and steadfast. Fond of her friends, devoted to her church, and loved her family and home with a deep and abiding affection.

My very heart weeps as I think of the grief stricken ones in that shadowed and desolate home. But there is for that darkened home the clear shining light of Christian hope. It is the light that falls from the Heavenly Home; it is reflected from the the sure word of promise; it gleams from the empty sepulcher in which our Savior slept. Open the windows and let in this light.

Her body lies in Evergreen Cemetery, Brooklyn, under a mound of flowers built by loving hands from the choicest roses, and wreathed with smilax and evergreens, but the beautiful spirit, the soul, has ere this, we feel sure, been garlanded with habiliments lovely beyond the power of man to describe. For it ever God called direct to the "Great White Throne," a faithful servant, then our dear one is with Him now.

ONE WHO LOVED HER WELL AND OWES HER MUCH.

"STANDING ROOM ONLY."

The Bazar and Supper of Providence M. E. Church was a Whirlwind of Pleasure from Start to Finish.

The Bazar and Supper of Providence M. E. Church on Christmas night was in all respects one of the most successful and enjoyable of the year. The attendance was large, very large, the parsonage being filled to its utmost capacity. The display of novelties were good, but the supper—well, it was perfect. The novelties sold brought fairly good prices, and the supper table was better patronized than we have ever seen one before, which shows the good taste and judgment of the people who attended. It is impossible for us to name the people who were there, as space will not permit, but suffice it to say it was the most enjoyable and entertaining event we have ever attended, and if the happy and smiling faces we saw there is any criterion to go by all must have had as good a time as THE JOURNAL representative. The management was perfect, not a flaw to be found, and we must congratulate Brother Williams and the ladies of the church for the tact and ability displayed in the management of the Bazar and Supper.

ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS TREE.

Lucile Douglas Recites "Little Fay's Christmas" in a Masterly Way.

The Christmas tree festival of St. John's Sunday school took place on Tuesday night, Dec. 26. The church was crowded by friends of the children to overflowing. The recitations and singing were good, and the little ones seemed to enjoy themselves immensely. The Sunday school entered the church preceded by Miss Gertrude Marie Boothe, teacher of the infant class, and Miss Susie Knight. Among those who distinguished themselves were Miss Lucile Douglas, Josephine Marchant, Lucy Sears and Baker Lee Sears. After the program was gone through candies, oranges and Christmas cards were given to the children. Mrs. Cooke, Superintendent of the Sunday school was presented with a beautiful rocking chair by the teachers and scholars of the school. The program was as follows:

PROGRAM:
Processional Hymn, 51.
Prayer.
Recitation, Esther Lefrier.
Hymn 58.
Carol by Infant Class, "Sleep My Saviour, Sleep."
Recitation, Violet Lefrier.
Solo by Josephine Marchant, with Chorus by Sunday School, "The Christmas Tree."
Recitation, Baker Lee Sears.
Hymn 59.
Recitation, Lucy Sears.
Carol by Class of Boys.
Recitation, Ada Lefrier.
Recitation, Lucile Douglas.
Address.
Distribution of Gifts.
Hymn 46.
Benediction.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

What They are Doing at the School.—Report of the Christmas Examinations.

We closed school for the holidays Friday, Dec. 22. During the afternoon session Miss Kate Green presented Mr. Jordan, in the name of his pupils, with a handsome silver shaving mug and brush. Mr. Jordan thanked them for the nice token of their esteem, and expressed his appreciation of their helpfulness and the satisfaction it had been working with and for them during the first part of the school year.

Later in the afternoon Miss Daisy Thurston recited "The Curfew Bell" very nicely, and then we sang together our school song. When we came to the last verse "Let us hold out friendly hands," we formed a circle by taking hands and sang it through. Mrs. Marchant and Miss James were also recipients of nice presents from their pupils.

Harold Blessingham and Clinton White are spending their holidays at Norfolk.

Lucile Douglas is quite well again and as cheerful as ever.

We are very sorry to lose Daisy and Mary Thurston from school. They are moving to Baltimore, and we shall miss their happy faces from our classes.

CHRISTMAS EXAMINATIONS.

Arithmetic—Lillie Davis, 1; Earl Marchant, 2; Kate Green, 3. Grade VI.—Alice Healy, 1; Daisy Thurston, 2; Currie Hudgins, 3.

Mensuration—Lola Hudgins, 1; L. Davis, 2; E. Marchant, 3. Rapid Arithmetic—May Fox, 1; E. Marchant, 2; L. Davis and K. Green, 3. Grade VI.—Erle Forrest, 1; E. Miles, 2; A. Healy and K. Evans, 3.

Mental Arithmetic—M. Fox, L. Hudgins, E. Marchant and L. Davis, 1; G. Miles, 2; K. Green, 3. Grade VI.—Andrew Davis, 1; A. Healy and Mamie Sadler, 2; D. Thurston, C. Hudgins, Guy Forrest, 3.

Reading—M. Fox, 1; E. Marchant, 2; K. Green and L. Hudgins, 3. Grade VI.—D. Thurston, 1; C. Hudgins and L. Douglas, 2; G. Forrest, 3.

Spelling—K. Green, 1; Niel Foster, 2; L. Davis, 3. Grade VI.—M. Sadler, 1; C. Hudgins, 2; E. Forrest, 3.

Writing—L. Hudgins, 1; Clinton White, 2; M. Fox, 3. Grade VI.—M. Sadler, 1; D. Thurston, 2; E. Forrest, K. Evans, A. Davis, 3.

Bookkeeping—L. Davis, 1; K. Green, 2; L. Hudgins, 3. Grade VI.—C. Hudgins, 1; D. Thurston, 2; E. Forrest, 3.

Grammar—G. Miles, 1; L. H. Hudgins, 2; K. Green, 3. Grade VI.—A. Healy, 1; C. Hudgins, M. Sadler, 2; D. Thurston, 3.

History—L. Hudgins, 1; G. Miles, 2; L. Davis, 3. Grade VI.—C. Hudgins, 1; M. Sadler, 2; E. Miles, 3.

Composition—N. Foster, 1; K. Green, 2; G. Miles, 3. Grade VI.—M. Sadler, 1; C. Hudgins, 2; L. Douglas, 3.

Literature—M. Fox, 1; K. Green, 2; E. Marchant, 3. Grade VI.—A. Healy, 1; E. Miles, 2; M. Sadler and C. Hudgins, 3.

Memory Map—L. Davis, Vandom Shipley, 1; K. Green, 2; E. Marchant, 3. Grade VI.—E. Miles, D. Thurston, 1; M. Sadler, 2; A. Davis, 3.

Those present every day were V. Shipley, L. Douglas, A. Healy, D. Thurston and E. Miles.

The Preacher Got His Coat.

This lively account of a social function at Pawpaw, Mo., comes from a local paper: "The ladies of the Methodist Episcopal church had a fine time at Mrs. Sink's house, which was a nice thing in every way. It was an ice cream sociable to buy the pastor an overcoat, so that he may plod along this winter without freezing his weary bones. The ladies served the cream, but Deacon Dailey was in charge. He hogged folks, he called now and then, 'all you can crowd in, so's the preacher can be warm this winter.' Many young fellows brought their girls, and one did even worse than that by fetching a complete pig to the festival. His name shall not be mentioned, as he spent 30 cents for ice cream eating it all fervently, and we bet it didn't go well with that booze. But what matter? Seven dollars and ninety cents was realized from the affray, enough to buy preacher Hicks a fine coat and leave \$1.90 for socks and other things."

Norfolk's Only One-Price Jewelry Store.

Getting Ready For Christmas.

The individual detailed stories of the elegant gift things will not be told for several days, because we wish to give you an opportunity to come and find, and select, some of the richest, most exclusive things that we have brought to Norfolk, that they may be bought and stowed away in advance of any publicity.

We engrave Wedding Invitations, Cards, etc., etc.

GET IT AT GALE'S 214 MAIN ST.

"WHITE FRONT" Academy of Music Jewelry Store, Norfolk, Va.

Dr. A. Weck is in charge of our Optical Department.

SANTA CLAUS

Pays a Visit to an Old and Esteemed Friend of Ours.

Believes His Mathews Admirers were in Some Way Connected with It—Found a Handsome Present in His 11 1/2

DEAR JOURNAL: I am sure you will let me tell my friends down there in Mathews, and especially my little friends, of the visit of Santa Claus to this parsonage, and of the nice present he brought me in a form of a beautiful and costly gold watch. Of course we expected him to remember the children and fill their stockings, but wasn't it exceedingly clever in him to think also of the *pater familias* and bring him such a beautiful and valuable gift?

I got home to-day about noon from my furthest appointment, about twenty miles from here and found it snugly stored away in my eleven and a half stocking which was hanging near the mantle.

The stove pipe in our room is almost as crooked as an "S" and I told the children that I didn't think the old fellow would be able to wriggle and twist his fat and jolly old sides through it, but he got in here some how and you just ought to see this handsome present he brought me. When I go down there I am going to take it with me and show it to you.

I have very grave suspicions that he got it down there, and I am persuaded that one S. E. R. a druggist down that way, who has had large business relations with the old fellow for a number of years, put a bug in his ear and told him how to do, if I saw some signs on the box in which it was packed that aroused these suspicions at once. You can get after him and see if he knows anything about it. Indeed it looks handsome enough and shiny enough to have come all the way from Gold field or Bullion Bar mine, but I suspect that the old fellow had to go away up to a big Northern city which the earliest settlers of this country called New Amsterdam, for it, for he loves to go where it is cold and they have snow and ice, and he has to go up there for a great many of his real fine presents. I expect to wear it and use it in my work all the days of my life as a souvenir of the love of the dear friends who helped Santa to get it, and then leave it to the youngest member of the family to be worn as an heirloom in memory of the thoughtful and loving deed of the father's friends.

A thousand blessings upon all my friends down that way, old and young, and a return of many, many as happy Christmases to each one as this one has been to me through their kindness, and may each one cherish the memory of Him who inspired all generous thoughts and noble deeds and without whose birth and life and death we would know nothing of this happy season. Most sincerely, JOHN O. MOSE.

I have on hand a big lot of bran, oats, crack corn, corn, and country meal that I am selling cheap. Come and buy now. Eggs, 28 cents.

A. G. MILLER, 101 Church St., Mathews, Va.

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Gasoline for launches, at 14 1/2 c per gallon by the barrel, 15c at retail, also cylinder oil for gasoline engines, high grade, to 50c per gallon. I can supply your wants in most any line, call and give me a trial.

W. E. MARCHANT, 6-12m Cricket Hill, Va.

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Carpentering

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Building

and will devote myself exclusively to that business the coming season. Leave word at this office or address me at Williams Wharf.

6-12-m T. R. CALLIS.



LOOK

first, smell next, then taste before you buy LIQUORS. For if there is anything easier to be deceived in it is Whiskey. Impure Whiskeys can sometimes fool the most expert, but in the course of time will prove by your constitution whether you have drunk pure or impure liquors. We have been established since 1863 and give as references any of our many customers. We solicit mail orders and guarantee satisfaction by prompt delivery and pure whiskeys.

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For indigestion has paid, is paying and will pay in "Jolly Good Health" many times its cost. So if you suffer with nervousness, heart-burn, sour stomach, nausea, blues and other symptoms of indigestion, the great destroyer of health and happiness, and at the same time make a paying investment, get a bottle of this wonderful preparation.

For Sale By Hudgins & Hudgins, C. C. Thomas, Susans; W. O. Hudgins & Co., New Point; W. F. White, Diggs Wharf; P. Hudges, Grinstead and Mitchem; T. B. Diggs, J. E. Matton, Dr. James, J. T. Everane, Richardson's Drug Store, M. S. Callis, J. M. Forest, Brooks & Hudgins, distributors.

Any Church or parsonage or institution supported by voluntary contribution will be given a liberal quantity of the Longman & Martinez L. & M. Paint whenever they paint. 8 and 6 make 14, therefore when you want fourteen gallons of paint, buy only eight of L. & M., and mix six gallons of pure Linseed Oil with it, making actual cost of paint about \$1.20 per gallon.

Don't pay \$1.50 a gallon for Linseed Oil (worth 60 cents) which you do when you buy other paints on a can with a paint label on it.

Many houses are well painted with four gallons of L. & M., and three gallons of Linseed oil mixed herewith. Wears and covers like gold.

These celebrated Paints are sold by J. W. Dixon Co., Hudgins, Va.



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Low Prices in Cloaks and Clothing.

Having bought very largely of Ladies' Wraps, and wishing to dispose of the same by Christmas, we will sell them at greatly reduced prices. Attractive line Millinery, embracing all the latest novelties of the season.

SEARS & WILKINS, MATHEWS, VIRGINIA.

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A NEW LINE OF

Dress Goods, Millinery, Cloaks, Shoes, Clothing and Overcoats, etc., All of Which We Are Ready to Sell at LOWEST PRICES.

Good Men's Overcoats at \$4.50 to \$15.00.

Good Men's Suits at \$3.75 to \$15.00.

Good Men's Suits, worth \$8.00 and \$10.00, at \$3.75.

Good Ladies' Cloaks at \$3.50 to \$15.00.

MILLINERY OF ALL KINDS AT ALL PRICES.

We also wish to announce that we have just Received a New Line of Stoves, Furniture, Carpets, Crockery, &c. at our New Store, as well as a Big New Line of Toys and Christmas Presents.

25 pieces of 20c. Matting, going at 17 1/2 c. 150 yards of 30c. Floor Oil-Cloth, Remnants, 20c. yard. 10 to 15 sets of good \$7.50 Cane Seat Chairs at \$5.00 set. 25 to 30 sets of good Knives and Forks at 50c. to \$3.50. 50 or 60 75c. Cook Pots and Slop Buckets at 50c. each. Nice lot of Rugs at 75c. to \$3.50 each. Nice lot of Cooking Stoves at \$1.50 to \$20.00 each. Good Sets of Furniture at \$9.00 a set. Nice line of Parlor Suites, \$15.00 to \$50.00 each. Nice line of Mattresses, \$1.50 to \$10.00 each. Nice line of Couches, \$4.50 to \$15.00 each.

In fact, anything you wish for Housekeeping or for Christmas at very lowest prices.

G. S. & J. F. MARCHANT, Dealers in Everything At Attractive Prices.

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CHRISTMAS MERCHANDISE

Dixon, Jarvis Co.'s New Store,

Old Fellows' Building, Mathews, Virginia.

Don't WAIT for the holiday rush to buy your Christmas Presents.

BUY USEFUL ARTICLES—SOMETHING TO WEAR.

We can help you check up your want list perhaps to the very last item and give you the most satisfactory deal—guaranteeing quality and price.

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CALL and ask about Useful Articles for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

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Beautiful and stylish Neckwear, Embroidered Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs, Opera Shawls and Fascinators, all kinds of Gloves for Men, Women's and Children's Hosiery, Women's and Misses' many kinds of Ready-Made Skirts, Fur, Woollen and Cloth Caps, in any style, and numberless other useful articles, for which you have daily use,

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In consequence of our rapidly increasing trade we are enabled to display new assortments and styles of merchandise every week.

DIXON, JARVIS COMPANY.

L. M. CALLIS, MATHEWS C. H., VIRGINIA.

Groceries, Rubber Boots, Tinware, Buggies, Wagons, Harness, Etc. We are now booming Stoves, SHEET IRON STOVES,

And we have no hesitation in saying that they are the best that are made. Stop in and look them over. Dollars to doughnuts you buy one before you leave. No need of being cold with one of my stoves in your home. As for Groceries—we sell the best, the cheapest and the cleanest that money can buy. Fresh Meats—we sell none, but the best—and one trial will satisfy you that Callis' is the place to get it. Give us a call and satisfy yourself.